

ORDERLY AND RESPONSIBLE IRAQ REDEPLOYMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule. The rule provides two hours of debate on H.R. 4156, Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act of 2008, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a conference report rule. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3074, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008, and against its consideration and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Olver.

Joint Meetings

RANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met on Thursday, November 8, 2007 and agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1503)

H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. Signed on November 8, 2007. (Public Law 110–114)

H.R. 2779, to recognize the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors. Signed on November 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–115)

H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Signed on November 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–116)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine shareholder rights and proxy access, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine sovereign wealth fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, focusing on assessing the economic and national security implications, 2 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine ways to improve the Federal Climate Change Research and Information Program, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership relating to the United States policy on nuclear fuel management, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the federal estate tax, focusing on uncertainty in planning under the current law, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, S. 911, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers, S. 1916, to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes, S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, S. 1970, to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, S. 901, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of

appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and the nominations of Julie Fisher Cummings, of Michigan, Mark D. Gearan, of New York, Tom Osborne, of Nebraska, Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, Donna N. Williams, of Texas, all to be a Members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and other pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1667, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property, S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, H.R. 390, to require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to State and local entities to establish similar local databases, H.R. 3571, to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term, S. 2174, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building", H.R. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office", S. 2292, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to establish the Office for Bombing Prevention, to address terrorist explosive threats, H.R. 3297, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTample Post Office Building", H.R. 3308, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office", H.R. 3530, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building", H.R. 2276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Eskelson Post Office Building", H.R. 3325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office", S. 2110, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office", H.R. 3382, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office", S. 2290, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the "Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building", S. 2272, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Sta-

tion in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John "Marty" Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007, H.R. 3446, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the "Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building", S. 2150 and H.R. 3572, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building", S. 2107 and H.R. 3307, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building", H.R. 3518, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the "Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building", and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Medicaid providers, focusing on a recent study conducted by the Government Accountability Office on unpaid taxes, the extent of the problem, and possible solutions, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine accountability for human rights violators in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to markup pending legislation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management), 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, 4:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Capitol Visitor Center, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Africa Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on the Merida Initiative: Assessing Plans to Step Up our Security Cooperation with Mexico and Central America, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on U.S.-Greece Relations and Regional Issues, 2:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Cover Blown—Did TSA Tip Off Airport Screeners about Covert Testing?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Establishing Consistent Enforcement Policies in the Context of Online Wagers, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2445, To amend the Alaska Native Claims

Settlement Act to recognize Alexander Creek as a Native village; H.R. 3350, Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act; H.R. 3351, Native American Challenge Demonstration Project Act of 2007; and 3560, Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Assessing Whistle Blower Allegations Against the State Department Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on the Environmental Risks of and Regulatory Response to Dental Mercury Amalgam, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, to continue hearings on Iran: Reality, Options and Consequences, Part 3—Regional and Global Consequences of U.S. Military Action in Iran, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3915, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship, hearing on Program Harmonization in Rural America—How the Small Business Ad-

ministration and the Department of Agriculture Can Work Together to Better Serve Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Effects of Gap in Health Coverage on Work, Family and Opportunity, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., and, executive, briefing on Cyber, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled “State Leadership Towards a Low-Carbon Energy Future,” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, 4:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 4 p.m., S-127, Capitol.